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FOR DIRECTOR VEST, PM, FROM AMBASSADOR

PLEASE PASS SECDEF FOR LT GEN FISH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IR

SUBJ: MUNITIONS CONTROL CASE

1. UNDERSTAND THERE IS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IN MUNITIONS CONTROL A CONTRACT FOR PROJECT OF THE ARES CORPORATION TO PRODUCE 35MM AND 20MM AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS IN IRAN. THIS PROJECT HAS SHAH'S PERSONAL INTEREST AND, UNLESS THERE ARE CONSIDERATIONS OF WHICH I AM NOT AWARE, HOPE WE CAN EXPEDITE REVIEW PROCEDURES.

2. INITIAL PROJECT PROPOSAL WAS APPROVED BY MUNITIONS CONTROL SOME 8 OR 9 MONTHS AGO. DOD, I AM INFORMED, HAS GIVEN ITS ENDORSEMENT TO CONTRACT. WISH TO POINT OUT THAT PROJECT DOST NOT INVOLVE QTE CO-PRODUCTION UNQTE AS THAT ISSUE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED. THERE IS NO COUNTERPART PRODUCTION OF THESE WEAPONS IN US AND WE ARE NOT TRANSFERRING A MANUFACTURING FACILITY TO IRAN. THEREFORE REVIEW SHOULD NOT BE SLOWED DOWN BY THE LARGER POLICY CONSIDERATIONS THAT SURROUND SENSITIVE CO-PRODUCTION ISSUE. AS THE US MANUFACTURES NO SIMILAR WEAPONS SYSTEMS, THE PROJECT TAKES NO JOBS FROM THE STATES. IN FACT, SOME EMPLOYMENT WILL BE GAINED BY SUPPORT WORK IN US. PROPOSAL DOES NOT INVOLVE AN FMS CASE AND IT USES EXISTING AMMUNITION AND TECHNOLOGY. IT APPEARS TO BE A QUITE MODEST PROGRAM.

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3. IF YOU COULD LET ME KNOW STATUS OF PROJECT AND WHEN WE MIGHT

EXPECT APPROVAL, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE SHAH WHEN I NEXT SEE HIM.

4. SHOULD YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY THIS CASE, I AM SURE LT GEN FISH CAN HELP.  
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